



**KENTUCKY REGISTERED SANITARIAN
EXAMINING COMMITTEE
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A special meeting of the R.S. Committee was called to order by Chair Roy Foushee on December 20, 2007. This meeting was called to review the exam and discuss items of importance relating to the new exam.

Persons present on this December 20 Meeting were as follows:

Roy Foushee, Chair
Matt Rhodes, Central Area
Juli Conner, West Area
Beverley Joy Watkins, Executive Secretary
Guy F. Delius, Secretary-Cabinets' Representative.

Guests:

Vonia Grabeel
Chris Atkinson

Guy Delius discussed history on this topic, where by the last exam was developed, and after a period of time, the exam was in need of revision. About 7-8 years ago the R.S. Exam was changed from a KY test, to a national scope exam to bring our environmental specialists more in line with national environmental health standards. The exam was revised in early 2007, but remained the same style exam.

The Committee had recently received some comments that employees were having trouble passing the exam, and some were taking the exam several times before passing it. The committee wanted to meet with the Core Training Branch staff, to ensure they understood the differences with the R.S. exam and the Core Training tests they were providing, to ensure we could better inform the students of the test differences.

The committee discussed the R.S. Exam and informed the folks that the referenced books and study materials are where the questions come from, and that the exam is very difficult. We urged the guest to reiterate that prospective students not wait until the 11th month to take this exam, as it is hard and may not pass the first time.

The Committee discussed the pass % is 60%, which is lower than most exams and allows more people to pass than most exams. You can miss 120 questions and still pass the exam.

The Committee decided that we do not have sufficient data to fully understand the pass/fail rate due to inadequate time since the new exam was implemented.

The Committee has already reviewed the questions earlier, but decided to ensure the exam questions are proper and correct and again review the questions. It was agreed that each member will take 60 questions to go over, to ensure the questions are correct. We will go over these questions at our next meeting.

Old and New Business

Guy Delius discussed the need to send out our R.S. Training Award information. Guy/Joy will send out the information asap to R.S. Members.

Cover letters regarding studying for the exam to be sent to Joy to merge to send out asap.

The Committee discussed individuals who may wish to be on contract with a LHD for environmental services. The committee will attempt to formalize this process, and build a email listing for those who wish to be available and on a list for environmental hire.

Joy discussed the members who have not paid dues or have insufficient contact hours.

Motion to send notice of suspension and give 10 days. Matt Rhodes.

Juli Conner, Seconded.

All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Joy to verify accuracy before we send the letter.

Dates completed for 2008 testing sites.

New Registered Sanitarians successfully completing the exam.

Curtis Brooks, Kerby Burton, Matthew Futrell.

Motion to accept the new members by Matt Rhodes.

Juli Conner, Seconded.

Motion Passed.

The Committee reviewed a request for inactive status from Howard Yeager and Larry Halcomb.

Motion to approve the inactive status. Matt Rhodes.

Juli Conner, Seconded.

All in Favor.

Motion Passed.

Next meeting at Dale Hollow SRP in January.